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# Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly

## Report on the Process for the Restoration of the Parliament Building

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The Honourable Hugh Edighoffer, M.P.P.,  
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

Sir,

Your Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly has  
the honour to present its Report and commends it to the  
House.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Herb Epp".

Herbert A. Epp, M.P.P.  
Chairman

Queen's Park  
15 December 1988





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## Introduction

### **MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

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## Recommendation

**A. SMIRLE FORSYTH**  
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## Introduction

On 29 June 1988, the House authorized the Sub-committee on Agenda and Procedure of the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly to meet from time to time to consider restoration/renovation proposals for the Parliament Building. The Sub-committee, consisting of the Chairman, Mr Epp, and Messrs. Breaugh, Morin and Sterling, met with the Speaker, and an advisory group consisting of the Clerk, the Controller and the Executive Director of Assembly Services on five occasions in August, September and October. Following these meetings, the Sub-committee and the Speaker met with the leaders of each of the recognized political parties in the Legislature.

Since its official opening on 4 April 1893, the Parliament Building has been a working office building. It was built to meet all the needs of the Ontario Legislature and government as the province approached a new century. For this reason, its design included provisions for every kind of space, from small offices to a grand legislative chamber. Over the years, as the needs of the Legislature and government have evolved and expanded, the Parliament Building has been greatly altered in efforts to accommodate new uses and the increased demand for space.

Because of the Parliament Building's distinction as an expression of the symbolic and monumental aspirations of its era and because, as the tangible symbol of the provincial government, it is essential to our understanding and appreciation of Ontario's history and common purpose, the Parliament Building is worthy of the highest standards of care. It is our responsibility to care for this legacy so we can pass it on to succeeding generations.

## Recommendation

As a first step in caring for the Parliament Building and the parliamentary precincts, your Committee recommends that the House establish a special all-party committee with the following terms of reference:

Special Committee on the Parliamentary Precinct which is empowered to develop, approve and supervise and co-ordinate the implementation of a programme for the restoration, renovation, rehabilitation, cyclical maintenance and use of the Parliament Building and grounds and to





implement an interpretive programme emphasizing public education and understanding of the Parliament Building and its history, events that have taken place in the Parliament Building and at Queen's Park and the legislative and governmental processes, and to submit an annual budget to the Board of Internal Economy for funds required for proposed work or expert or professional assistance in any fiscal year; and which shall be composed of the Speaker and the Chairman of the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly as co-chairmen and a member from each of the recognized parties in the House, no substitution being permitted except by Order of the House.

Upon the adoption of this report, the Special Committee on the Parliamentary Precinct is established.









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